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SUBJECT: JULY 29 NATO CONSULTATION ON SSOD: UK DRAFT
DECLARATION PREAMBLE

1. DURING JULY 29 NATO POLADS CONSULTATION ON SSOD
(SEPTEL), UK FCO REP (BURNS) CIRCULATED FOLLOWING DRAFT
PREAMBLE PREPARED BY FCO RESEARCH UNIT. DRAFT IS
ONLY PRELIMINARY LISTING OF THOUGHTS TO BE USED IN
SUBSEQUENT WESTERN ATTEMPTS TO DRAFT A POSSIBLE PAPER
FOR USE IN SSOD PREPARATIONS. IT HAS NOT BEEN CIRCULATED
AT HIGHER LEVELS OF HMG, BUT WAS SHARED WITH
EC DISARMAMENT EXPERTS AT RECENT MEETING. TEXT OF
SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOLLOWING DRAFT PREAMBLE
TEXT IS FCO ATTEMPT TO LIST LANGUAGE FROM EITHER US-
SOVIET AGREED PRINCIPLES OF SEPTEMBER 1961 OR RECENT
SRI LANKAN/NON-ALIGNED PAPER (SEPTEL), THAT WEST
MIGHT BE ABLE TO INCORPORATE INTO ANY DRAFTS IT MIGHT
DEVELOP.

2. TEXT OF DRAFT PREAMBLE BEGINS:
PREAMBLE TO DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT
THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHO MET IN NEW
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YORK IN MAY/JUNE 1977 TO ATTEND THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL
SESSION ON DISARMAMENT,
BEARING IN MIND UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 189B
WHICH CALLED FOR THE CONVENING OF A SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED
TO DISARMAMENT,
RECALLING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2602E WHICH DECLARE
THE 1970S A DISARMAMENT DECADE AND CALLED ON GOVERNMENTS

TO INTENSIFY WITHOUT DELAY THEIR CONCENTRATED AND CON-
CERTED EFFORTS FOR EFFECTIVE MEASURES RELATING TO THE
CESSATION OF THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AT AN EARLY DATE AND
FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF A TREATY ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE
DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL
CONTROL,
STRESSING THEIR CONVICTION THAT DISARMAMENT IS ONE OF
THE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND
REAFFIRMING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1378 WHICH
STATED THAT THE QUESTION OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE
DISARMAMENT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE FACING THE WORLD
TODAY,
RECALLING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE
UNITED NATIONS, STATES MUST REFRAIN IN THEIR INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS FROM THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE AGAINST THE
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OR POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANY
STATE, OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH THE
PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THAT THE ESTABLISH-
MENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY ARE TO BE
PROMOTED WITH THE LEAST DIVERSION FOR ARMAMENTS OF THE
WORLD'S HUMAN AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES,
CONSIDERING THE DEVASTATION VISITED UPON MANKIND BY WARS,
AND PARTICULARLY NUCLEAR WARS AND THE URGENT NEED TO TAKE
MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD THE SECURITY OF PEOPLES,
CONVINCED THAT PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE WORLD ARE
INDIVISIBLE AND THAT CONFLICT IN ONE AREA IS A THREAT
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TO ALL STATES EVERYWHERE,
DESIRING TO FURTHER THE EASING OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION
AND THE STRENGTHENING OF TRUST BETWEEN STATES IN ORDER
TO FACILITATE THE REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS,
EMPHASISING THE COMPLEXITY AND IMPORTANCE OF THE PROBLEMS
OF DISARMAMENT WHICH AFFECT THE VITAL SECURITY INTERESTS
AND THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL STATES,
AFFIRMING THE NEED FOR DISARMAMENT MEASURES TO GIVE
EQUAL OR GREATER SECURITY TO ALL COUNTRIES AT REDUCED
LEVELS OF ARMAMENTS AND MILITARY EXPENDITURE AND TO
RELEASE MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPORTANT SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC NEEDS,
CONVINCED THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL STATES AND PAR-
TICULARLY ALL MAJOR MILITARY POWERS IN EFFORTS TO
CONTAIN THE ARMS RACE AND TO REDUCE ARMAMENTS IS
INDISPENSABLE FOR A FULL MEASURE OF SUCCESS IN THESE
EFFORTS,
ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANCE OF EXISTING ARMS CONTROL
AND DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS INCLUDING THE GENEVA PRO-
TOCOL ON CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE OF JUNE 1925,
THE ANTARCTIC TREATY OF DECEMBER 1959, THE PARTIAL TEST
BAN TREATY OF AUGUST 1963, THE OUTER SPACE TREATY OF

JANUARY 1967, THE TREATY OF TLATOLOCO OF FEBRUARY 1967,
THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY OF JULY 1968, THE
SEA BED TREATY OF FEBRUARY 1971, THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS
CONVENTION OF APRIL 1972 AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODI-
FICATION CONVENTION OF JUNE 1977,
STRESSING THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH SUCH LIMITED MEASURES
CAN MAKE TO INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE AND SO TO THE
ACHIEVEMENT OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT,
REAFFIRMING THEIR COMMITMENT TO GENERAL AND COMPLETE
DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL
CONTROL,

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HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:-

1 THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY, WHICH MET IN NEW YORK IN MAY/JUNE 1977,
CARRIED OUT AN AUTHORITATIVE APPRAISAL OF THE CURRENT
SITUATION REGARDING DISARMAMENT PROBLEMS, THE CAUSES
OF SLOW PROGRESS IN SOME AREAS, AND THE DANGERS THAT
THE ARMS RACES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD POSE TO PEACE
AND SECURITY AND TO DEVELOPMENT.

2 THE SPECIAL SESSION AGREED THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF
ALL STATES IN THE DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS WAS A NECESSARY
PRECONDITION FOR CONTINUING PROGRESS ON A GLOBAL BASIS
TOWARDS HALTING AND ELIMINATING SUCH ARMS RACES AND
THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MORE
JUST AND EQUITABLE WORLD ORDER.

3 THE SPECIAL SESSION ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPORTANCE OF THOSE ARMS CONTROL MEASURES NEGOTIATED SINCE 1959 AND RECOGNISED THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT WHICH AFFECT THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND TERRI-
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TORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL STATES. FURTHERMORE, IT RECOGNISED THAT THE DIFFICULTY OF ACHIEVING SATISFACTORY VERIFICATION OF DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS HAS SLOWED UP THE PROCESS OF DISARMAMENT AND THAT THIS SITUATION WILL ONLY CHANGE WITH THE GROWTH OF CONFIDENCE BETWEEN STATES.

4 THE SPECIAL SESSION AGREED THAT PROGRESS TOWARDS MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO LESSEN THE RISK OF MILITARY CONFRONTATION AND TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, AND THAT DISARMAMENT MEASURES SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO GIVE EQUAL OR GREATER SECURITY TO ALL COUNTRIES AT A REDUCED LEVEL OF ARMAMENTS AND MILITARY EXPENDITURE, TO RELEASE MORE RESOURCES FOR IMPORTANT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS AND TO PAVE THE WAY TOWARDS GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT.

5 THE SPECIAL SESSION, WHICH WAS THE LARGEST AND MOST REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING EVER CONVENED TO DISCUSS DISARMAMENT, REAFFIRMED THE COMMITMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT AND ADOPTED A DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT AND A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF ACTION WHICH SHOULD FORM THE STARTING POINT FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS.

END TEXT.

TEXT OF SUGGESTED ADDITIONS TO THE DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT CIRCULATED SEPARATELY BEGINS:

1 THE GOAL OF NEGOTIATIONS IS TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON A PROGRAMME WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT (A) DISARMAMENT IS GENERAL AND COMPLETE AND WAR IS NO LONGER AN INSTRUMENT FOR SETTling INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, AND (B) SUCH
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DISARMAMENT IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIABLE PROCEDURES FOR THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE

UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. (PARA 1 OF THE US-SOVIET
AGREED PRINCIPLES SEPT 1961).

2 THE PROGRAMME FOR GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT
SHALL ENSURE THAT STATES WILL HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL
ONLY THOSE NON-NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS, FORCES, FACILITIES,
AND ESTABLISHMENTS AS ARE AGREED TO BE NECESSARY TO
MAINTAIN INTERNAL ORDER AND PROTECT THE PERSONAL
SECURITY OF CITIZENS AND THAT STATES SHALL SUPPORT
AND PROVIDE AGREED MANPOWER FOR A UNITED NATIONS PEACE
FORCE. (PARA 2 OF THE US-SOVIET AGREED PRINCIPLES
SEPT 1961).

3 MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT MEASURES DEALING WITH
DEFINABLE AND SPECIFIC ISSUES SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE
ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING GENERAL AND COMPLETE
DISARMAMENT.

4. THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO INTENSIFY DISARMAMENT
EFFORTS AND TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF ALL DISARMAMENT
NEGOTIATIONS, THUS CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE RELAXATION
OF TENSION AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF PEACEFUL RELATIONS

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AMONG ALL STATES. (PARA 13/7 OF THE NON-ALIGNED PAPER).

5 NEGOTIATIONS ON COLLATERAL MEASURES OF DISARMAMENT

SHOULD NOT PRECLUDE NEGOTIATIONS ON A TREATY ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT. (PARA 13/8 OF THE NON-ALIGNED PAPER/PART OF PARA 8 OF THE US/SOVIET PRINCIPLES).

6 THE PRINCIPLE OF BALANCED DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND. IT CONCERNS BOTH A NUMERICAL DECREASE OF MEN AND TYPES OF ARMS TO PREFIXED LEVELS, AS WELL AS PACKAGES OF DISARMAMENT MEASURES BY WHICH AN OVERALL BALANCE IS ACHIEVED WHICH IS JUDGED BY ALL PARTIES TO BE SATISFACTORY IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR OWN SECURITY. (PARA 13/9 OF THE NON-ALIGNED PAPER).

END TEXT.

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